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NEW JERSEY AUCTIONS

Auction Sales Mon-Wed-Fri-7pm

Four inch soil temperatures averaged 40 degrees north, 45 degrees central, and 47 degrees south.

Weather Stations	Rainfall			Temperatures				Growing Degree Days 1/		Soil Moisture2/
	Last Week	Since March 1		Last Week				Total	Dept.*	
		Total	Dept.*	Max.	Min.	Avg.	Dept.*			
- Inches -			- Degrees -				- Base 50°F -			
NORTH										
Belvidere Bridge	.25	33.46	1.56	56	28	39	-8	3336	634	99
Canoe Brook	DATA NOT AVAILABLE									
Charlotteburg	.04	35.04	.68	52	24	36	-10	2820	696	99
Flemington	.62	36.69	4.70	52	28	39	-9	3334	542	100
Long Valley	.47	27.50	-7.28	46	26	35	-11	2548	192	100
Newton	.10	32.97	1.79	54	28	37	-8	3063	687	100
CENTRAL										
Freehold	.54	34.23	3.04	54	30	41	-9	3693	657	100
Long Branch	.54	36.28	4.67	62	31	43	-8	3449	465	98
New Brunswick	.57	36.99	5.47	53	30	40	-10	3525	354	100
Pemberton	DATA NOT AVAILABLE									
Toms River	1.22	36.95	4.38	54	28	42	-9	3610	631	99
Trenton	.56	31.03	1.41	51	30	40	-11	3625	311	99
SOUTH										
A.C. Marina	1.50	27.41	.87	54	36	46	-7	3934	815	96
Cape May C.H.	1.49	30.38	2.36	53	30	43	-11	3950	805	99
Downstown	1.41	30.40	1.20	53	28	41	-10	3707	354	100
Glassboro	1.28	28.47	-2.40	53	33	42	-9	4046	754	97
Hammonton	1.35	30.44	-.26	52	29	41	-10	3702	410	98
Pomona	1.62	30.74	3.01	54	28	42	-8	3693	641	98
Seabrook	1.35	32.57	4.15	54	32	42	-10	4136	758	97
South Harrison	1.26	29.71	-.92	53	31	42	N/A	3951	N/A	N/A

(Long Valley's averages and totals are off because of 2 weeks of missing data)

A low pressure system moved through the region last week, bringing cooler temperatures and showers across the state. Activities included equipment repair, field clean up, and harvesting soybeans and field corn. Days suitable for field work averaged 3.8. Top soil moisture was rated 74% adequate and 26% surplus. Recent rains and wet field conditions hampered corn and soybean harvest activities for several days. Producers reported colder temperatures delayed small grain emergence in some fields. Livestock producers reported improved pasture condition due to recent rains. Pumpkin and sweet potato harvest was nearing completion in most areas. Vegetable producers continued harvesting broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, and kale as weather conditions permitted. Cranberry harvest continued on schedule, with crop condition rated as mostly good.

Note: This is the final New Jersey Weekly Digest for 2002. We wish to thank all the reporters and collaborators who made this report possible throughout the year. We will resume this report in April.



SOIL MOISTURE TABLE

	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY SHORT	0%	0%	33%
SHORT	0%	0%	67%
ADEQUATE	74%	98%	0%
SURPLUS	26%	2%	0%

RANGE AND PASTURE

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	PREVIOUS YEAR
VERY POOR	0%	0%	10%
POOR	0%	0%	15%
FAIR	42%	46%	45%
GOOD	58%	54%	30%
EXCELLENT	0%	0%	0%

JERSEY FRESH AVAILABILITY FOR NOVEMBER 4, 2002

Acorn Squash – Smaller sizes being seen due to the early growing season dry heat. Less quantity this year as growers scaled back their fall plantings. Low prices are causing some product to remain in the field.

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Cabbage – Green, Red, and Savoy are all available in good supply but low prices are causing some product to remain in the field. The cooler fall temperatures are great for quality. Should be available until the end of the month.

Cauliflower – Good quality and minimal quantity available.

Collards & Escarole/Endive – Good quantities available each week. The cooler fall temperatures are great for quality. All varieties peaking but low prices are causing some product to remain in the field. Should be available until the end of the month.

Cranberries – Harvest in full swing now. Quantity available now and building over the next few weeks and peaking during November. Available through Christmas. Dry harvested berries have been in increasing demand each year and we have an increasing quantity of quality product available. Clam shell packaging in 1 lb. and quart containers and 8 lb. boxes is typical. Polybag packaging is also available.

Greens – The prolonged drought and high heat has caused some growers to scale back on their fall planting plans. Expect a decreased

quantity overall of fall greens. Spinach, Boston, and Romaine lettuce are being harvested in quantity now. Fall greens will be harvested until frost.

Green Onions – Good quality and quantity available.

Herbs – All varieties peaking. Quantities available now for Basil, Mint, Mustard, Cilantro, Dill, Parsley, Arugula, and Baby Arugula as the cooler fall temperatures will increase quality. Less fall quantities of herbs than last year as growers have scaled back on their planting plans. Will have availability until frost.

Leeks - Good quality and quantity available.

Napa Cabbage – Good quality and quantity. Should be available for several more weeks.

Pumpkins – Past the peak of the season now. Long term heat and lack of rain created tough growing conditions that mean less quantity and size than last year. Quality should be excellent though as there has been a lack of disease pressure.

Shanghai Bok Choi – Good quality and quantity. Should be available for at least a few more weeks.

Sweet Potatoes – Good quality and quantity available. Growers are now finishing up their digging and putting them into storage while they await good market conditions.

White Potatoes – Good quantity and quality.

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